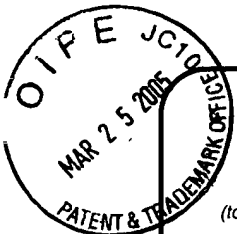



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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims**Extra Claims****Fee(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 17 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.